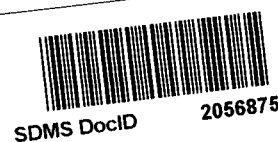




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LOWER DARBY CREEK AREA SUPERFUND SITE

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INTERVIEW SUMMARY
Task 1, Site 2
Lower Darby Creek Area Site

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Telephone: (b) (6)

Type of Interview: In-Person

Date of Interview: August 17, 2004

On August 17, 2004, the WITNESS was interviewed at his residence by (b) (4) of Tri-State Enterprise. The WITNESS was interviewed as part of the potentially responsible party search currently being conducted under Task 1, Site 2 involving the Lower Darby Creek Area, Delaware County, PA (the Site). This interview focused on the Clearview Landfill (the Landfill). The WITNESS was provided with a copy of the letter of introduction, advised of the nature of the questions to be asked and advised that the interview was voluntary. The WITNESS stated that he is not represented by an attorney in this matter and did not want an attorney. No other persons were present and this interview was not tape-recorded.

During the course of this interview, the WITNESS responded to questions based on guidelines provided by the United States Environmental Protection Agency for former employees.

The WITNESS was shown an aerial photograph of the Site, and this aerial photograph was used throughout the interview.

The WITNESS was asked to explain his association with the Site.

The WITNESS stated that he has been a firefighter with the Darby Township Volunteer Fire Company since 1975. The WITNESS stated that he was the Fire Chief of the Darby Township Volunteer Fire Company in [REDACTED]. The WITNESS stated that he has been a volunteer firefighter with the Darby Township Volunteer Fire Company on a continuous basis since 1975.

The WITNESS was asked if he was familiar with the Clearview Landfill. The WITNESS stated that he had responded to fires at the Landfill almost weekly from 1975 to about 1987. The WITNESS stated that in 1987, as (b) (6) he advised the Delaware County Fire Board that the Fire Department would no longer respond to fires on the Landfill. The WITNESS explained that some of the firefighters were complaining about becoming ill after responding to fires at the Landfill.

The WITNESS stated that in February 1988 he wrote a letter to Richard Ruhl, District Supervisor of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources, advising Mr. Ruhl of his concerns about the Darby Township firefighters' complaints of illness after fighting fires at the landfill. The WITNESS stated that Mr. Ruhl requested copies of all fire reports on

file with the Darby Township Volunteer Fire Company relating to the Clearview Landfill. The WITNESS stated that he made copies of these fire reports and mailed the copies to Mr. Ruhl. The WITNESS stated that to his knowledge, nothing more was done about the frequent fire calls at the Landfill. The WITNESS stated that sometime in 1988, the Darby Township Volunteer Fire company resumed responding to fire calls at the Landfill.

When asked if these fire records are still on file at the Darby Township Fire Company, the WITNESS stated yes. The WITNESS stated that all reports were stored in boxes at the fire station.

When asked to describe the type of information contained in the fire reports, the WITNESS provided the following:

The WITNESS stated that these reports would have the date, time and equipment on the scene. The reports would also identify the firefighters and any witnesses on the scene. The WITNESS further stated that the report would also include a description of the fire and the cause of the fire, if the cause could be determined.

When asked if there was any common cause of the fires on the Clearview Landfill, the WITNESS stated yes. The WITNESS stated that most of the fires were started on purpose in order to burn trash. When asked who started the fires, the WITNESS stated that he did not know.

When asked how the fires were reported, the WITNESS stated that the Darby Township Fire Department was dispatched by the Fire Board and that the original complaint was not usually known.

When asked why these open fires caused him concern for the firefighters, the WITNESS explained that he had observed numerous 55-gallon steel drums leaking fluids. He indicated that he was concerned that the fumes from these drums could be harmful.

When asked if these drums had any markings, the WITNESS stated that he does not recall. The WITNESS stated that in 1988 there were two drum transfer stations on the Landfill. He indicated that one of these companies was owned and operated by Louis Bizzarri. The WITNESS stated that he had observed numerous drums leaking in the area of the Bizzarri operation. The WITNESS stated that there were numerous steel drums throughout the Landfill area as well, and he indicated that many of these drums were leaking. The WITNESS could not recall any markings on these drums.

When asked if he had observed trucks disposing of waste on the Clearview Landfill, the WITNESS stated yes. The WITNESS stated that in the mid-1970s, the Clearview Landfill was heavily used. The WITNESS stated that he had responded to fires on the Landfill at all hours of the day. The WITNESS stated that he observed trucks disposing of waste on the Landfill at all hours of the night and day.

When asked the names of the trash trucks that were disposing of waste on the Clearview Landfill, the WITNESS stated that he could only recall the following:

- City of Philadelphia: The WITNESS stated that he had observed the City of Philadelphia trash trucks dispose of waste on the Landfill. The WITNESS stated that he did not know the types of waste that the City of Philadelphia disposed of on the Landfill.
- Citywide Services: The WITNESS stated that Citywide was located on the Landfill at the base of the hill. The WITNESS stated that he had observed trash trucks from Citywide dispose of waste on the Landfill. He was unable to recall the types of waste. The WITNESS stated that Citywide Services trash trucks were parked at the base of the Landfill at night and that Richie Heller had an office next to the parking area of Citywide Services.

When asked with whom he had contact at the Clearview Landfill when he responded to fires on the Landfill, the WITNESS stated that the only individual he ever spoke to was Richie Heller. The WITNESS stated that Richie Heller owned and operated the Landfill. When asked if Richie Heller was always present when he was on the Landfill, the WITNESS stated no.

When asked the names of other individuals that might have knowledge of waste disposal practices at the Clearview Landfill, the WITNESS provided the following:

- Chuck Harris: The WITNESS stated that Harris was a firefighter in the late 1960s and early 1970s and may have more relevant knowledge.
- Richard Stewart: The WITNESS stated that Stewart is the current Fire Chief and was a firefighter in the late 1960s and 1970s.

When asked the names of any employees at the Clearview Landfill, the WITNESS stated that he did not know anyone that worked at the Landfill.

"I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct."

Executed on _____
(Date)

Signed _____
(Name)